(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to introduce new trains during the last three years;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Trains Introduced serving Rajasthan during the last three years (Jan. '94 to Oct. '96) include :

1994

1. 391/392 (New No. 199/200) Bikaner-Jaipur Fast Passenger
2. 4721/4722 New Delhi-Sriganganagar Express
3. 393/394 Jodhpur-Bikaner Passenger
4. 2465/2466 Jodhpur-Jaipur Express
5. 181/182 Jaipur-Rewari Express
6. 183/184 Alwar-Rewari Shuttle
7. 185/186 Alwar-Mathura Shuttle
8. 2413/2414 Jaipur-Delhi Express.
9. 2015/2016 New Delhi-Jaipur Shatabdi Express
10. 4711/4712 Chandigarh-Sriganganagar Express
11. 9735/9736 Jaipur-Sikar-Lohari Express
12. 10 Pairs of Rail Bus services between marta Road and Merta City.

1995

1. 2461/2462 Mandore Express
2. 4863/4864 Marudhar Express
3. 187/188 Jaipur-Hissar shuttle
4. 9759/9760 Jaipur-Delhi Express
5. 2467/2468 Bikaner-Jaipur Express
6. 1 JPJ/2 JPJ Jaisalmer-Jodhpur Passenger
7. 2307/2308 Jodhpur-Howrah Express
8. 4 pairs of Rail Bus services been Bikaner-Kolayat

1996

1. 33/34 Nimach-Chittaurgarh Passenger
2. 2413A/2414A Jaipur-Ajmer Express
3. 2307A/2308A Bikaner-Merta Road Link Express
4. 9767/976B Jaipur-Madras Express (Weekly)
5. 201/202 Ajmer-Jaipur Fast Passenger
6. 1/2 DR Ratangarh-Degena Passenger
7. 4311/4312 Ajmer-Bareilly Express

Disallowing the Sponsored News Programmes

2075. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to disallow sponsored news programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether current affairs programmes are likely to be allowed on Doordarshan provided they are submitted for regular vetting of officials of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Current Affairs programmes under sponsored/commissioned categories are already being allowed on Doordarshan provided they conform to the Broadcast Code and Doordarshan's prescribed guidelines.

[Translation]

Additional Railway Route Length

2076. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of net addition of railway route length in the country during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the target and achievement during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the net addition of route length was negligible in the Western Zone during the above period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The zone-wise net addition of railway route kilemeters during the last three years is indicated in the statement attached.

(b) The target of construction of new lines was 428 Kms. against which achievement has been 374 Kms. There has also been some addition to route length due to adjustments resulting from gauge conversions.